





Collaborative All-Weather Sensing for Automated Vehicles

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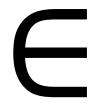
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RNL Grand challenge:

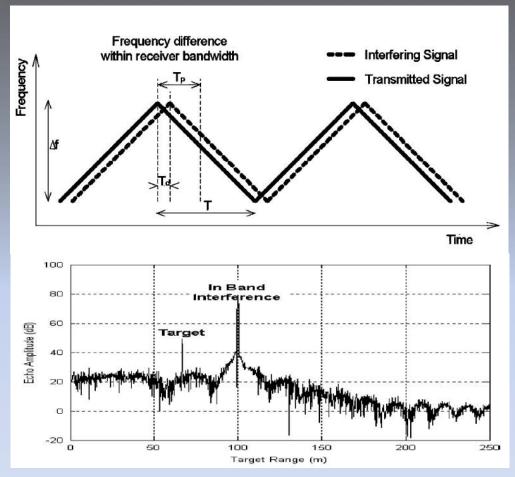
Design automated systems that are both <u>robust</u> in the face of unusual natural or accidental events and <u>secure</u> against deliberate attack

Robustness and Security at Odds



Improved robustness can reduce security: After the Tesla update to Autopilot 8.x, radar can force automatic braking without cross-validation from camera

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Booker, "Mutual interference of mm-wave radar systems." (2007)

The security of automotive radar systems against deliberate attack is weak because the standard FMCW waveform is trivially predictable

Robustness and Security in Unison



Having many subsystems with non-overlapping failure modes improves both robustness and security

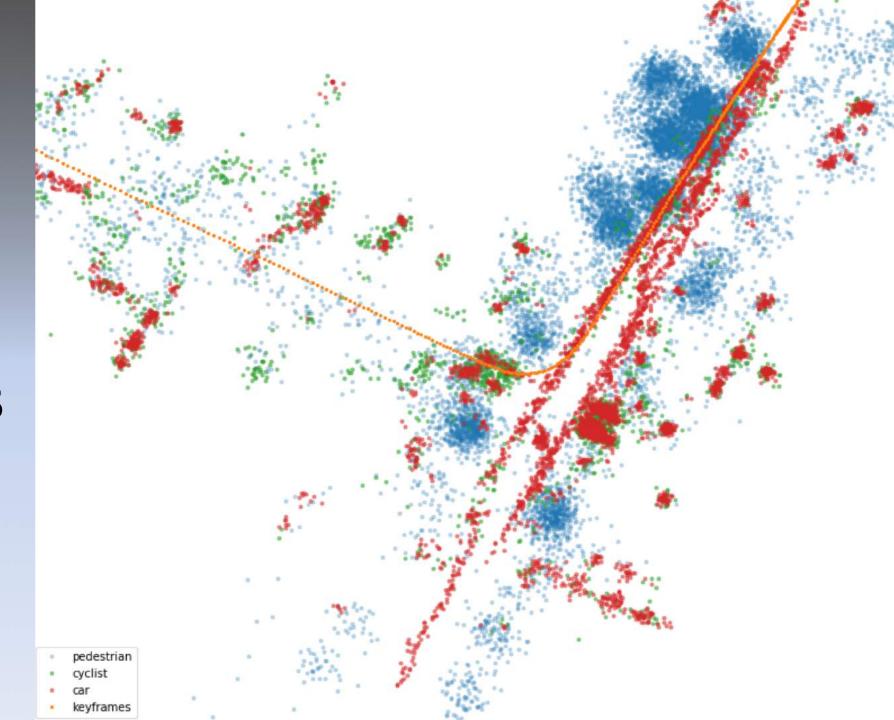
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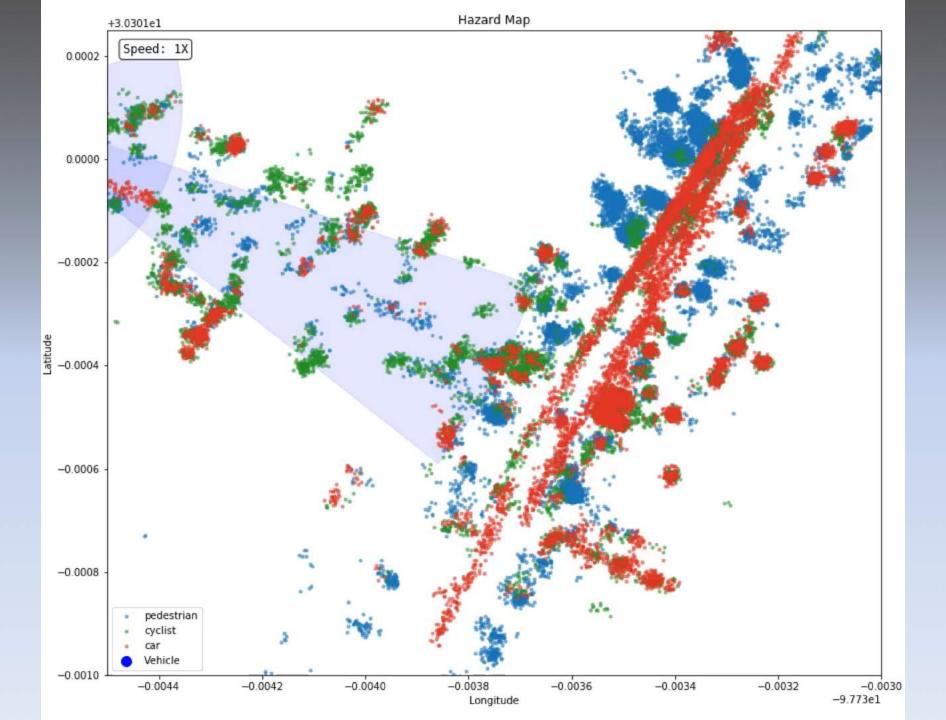
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Robust perception:

No blind spots
All environments
All weather conditions

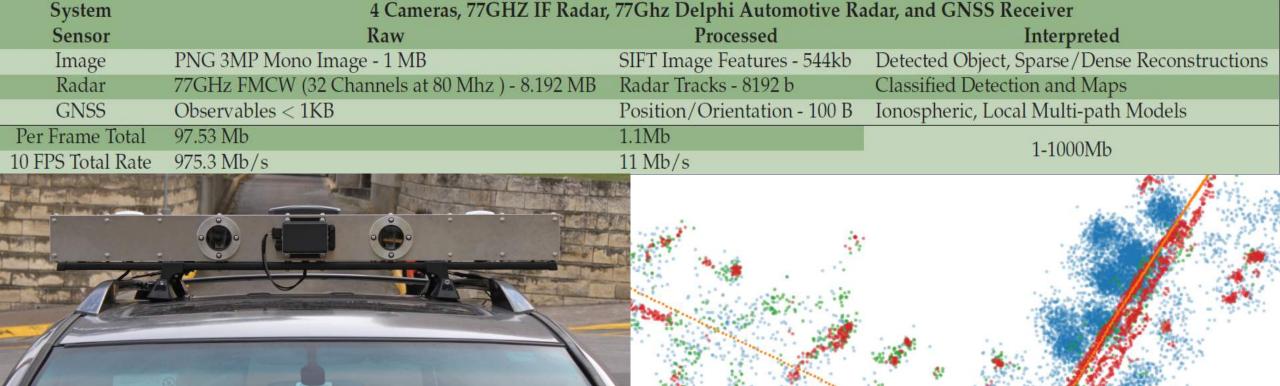
Collaborative sensing reduces risk, increases perception robustness





Features	5G V2X requirements	LTE C-V2X	DSRC
Data rate	10 Mb/s @ 1000m 700 Mb/s @ 500m 1 Gb/s @ 50m	Up to 1 Gb/s	3-27 Mb/s
End-to-end Latency	20 ms, limited auto. 3 ms, full auto.	20-100 ms	2-100 ms
Reliability	90~99%, limited auto. 99~99.999%, full auto.	90% @ 450m*	90% @ 225m*
Range	Up to 1 km	Up to 1km (very large via infra.)	100 – 1000m
Tx Rate	50 messages/s	Up to 50 messages/s	Up to 20 messages/s

5G's high data rates and low latency enable multiple vehicles and infrastructure to function as a single sensing organism



Q: How to quantify reduction in risk for each level of data sharing (raw, processed, interpreted)?



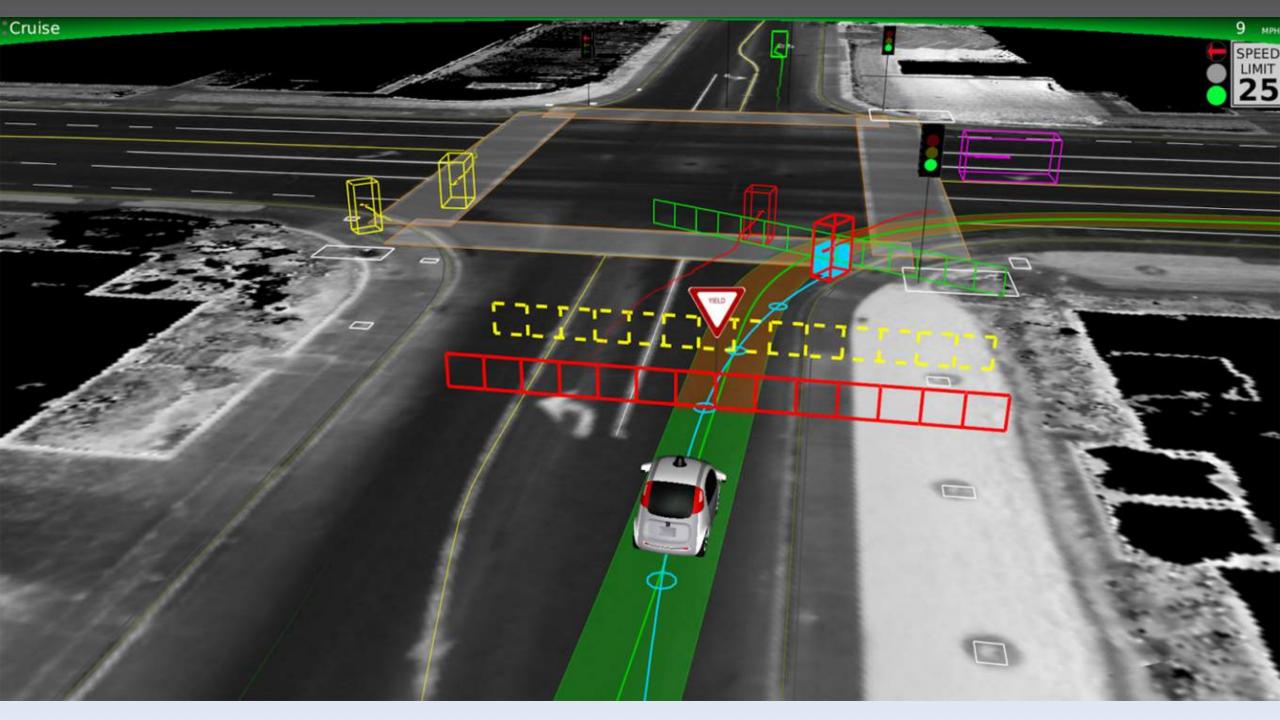
Key insight so far on data sharing:
Share either raw data or fully semantically-labeled and located data. Sharing partially-processed data across heterogeneous platforms is less useful

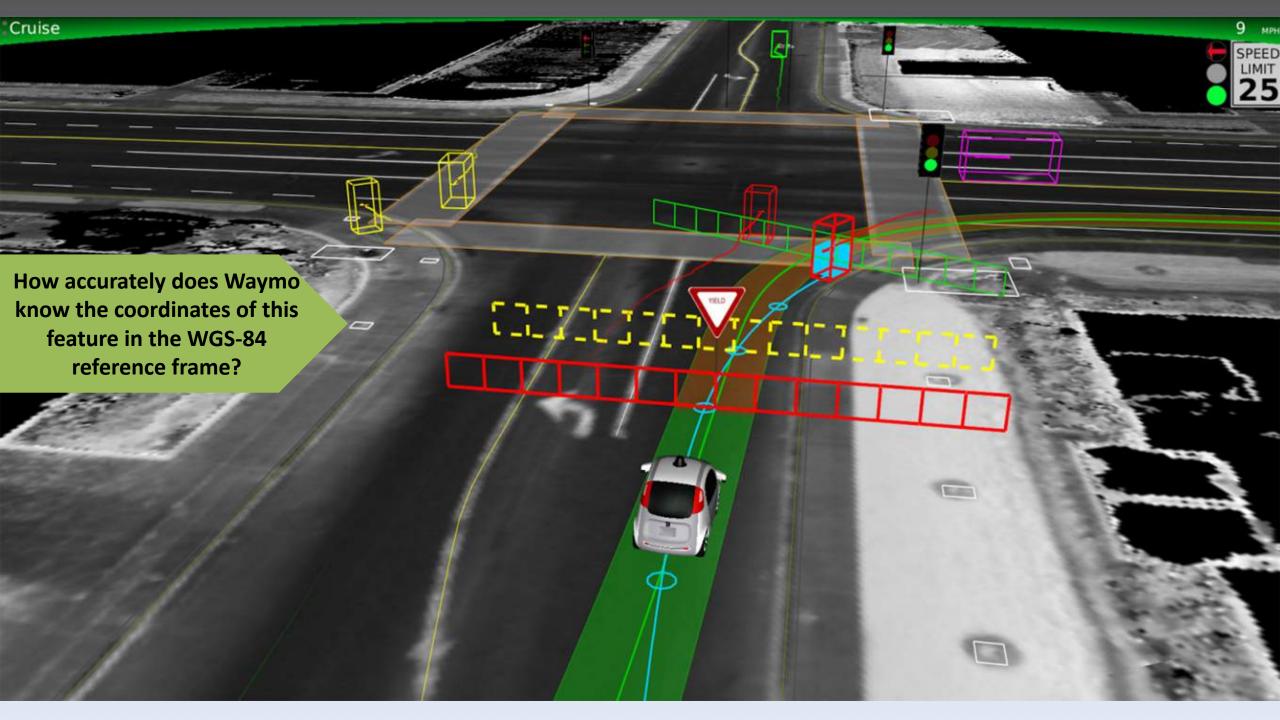
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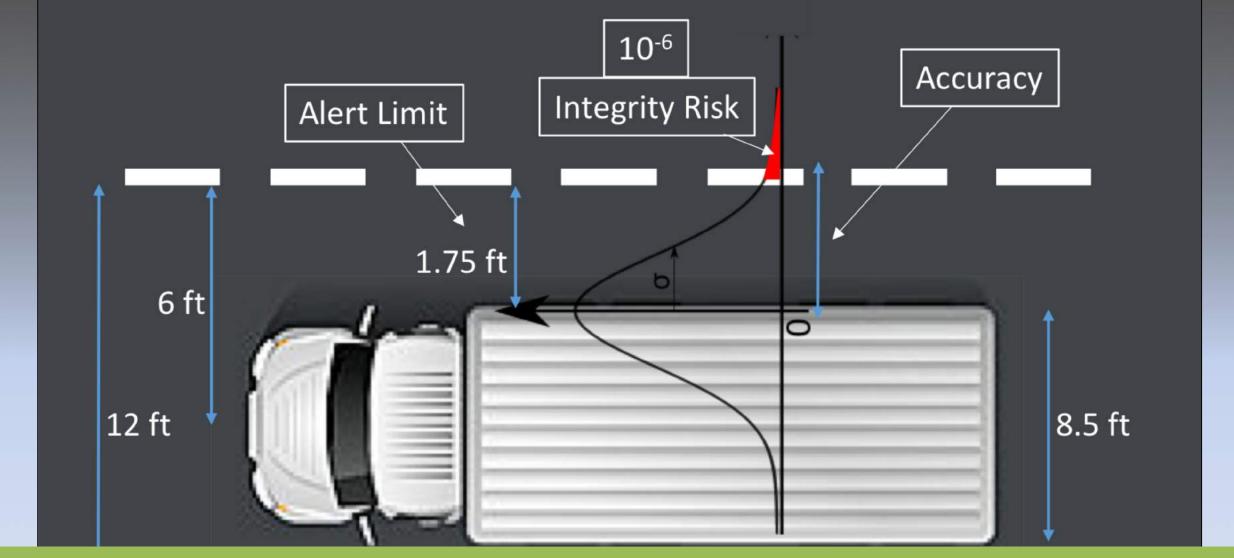
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Q: What is required position accuracy for automated vehicles?

A: None specified currently, maybe there never will be.

It doesn't make sense to cut-and-paste from FAA regulations: Federalism and high death rate make automotive case unique

Emerging industry consensus: Horizontal position accuracy better than 30cm @ 95%



In low-visibility conditions, LIDAR and cameras will fail. If pre-mapped radar reflectors are too sparse, lane keeping may be compromised

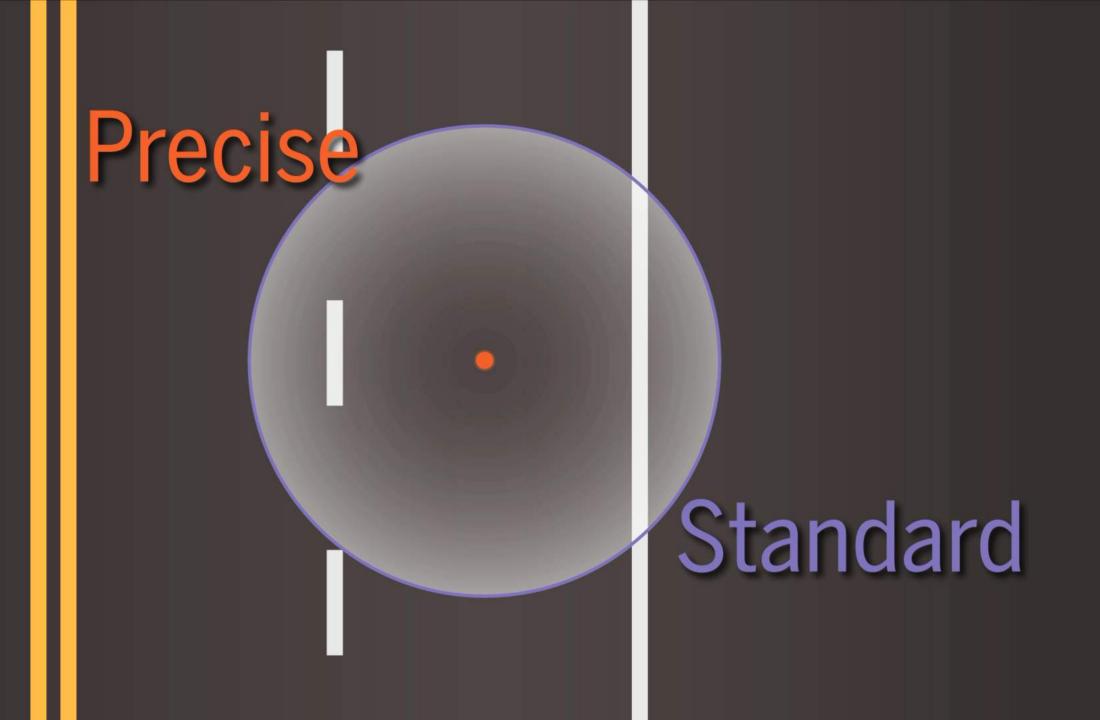
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1	Driver Assistance	the <i>driving mode</i> -specific execution by a driver assistance system of either steering or acceleration/deceleration using information about the driving environment and with the expectation that the <i>human driver</i> perform all remaining aspects of the <i>dynamic driving task</i>	Human driver and system	Human driver	Human driver	Some driving modes
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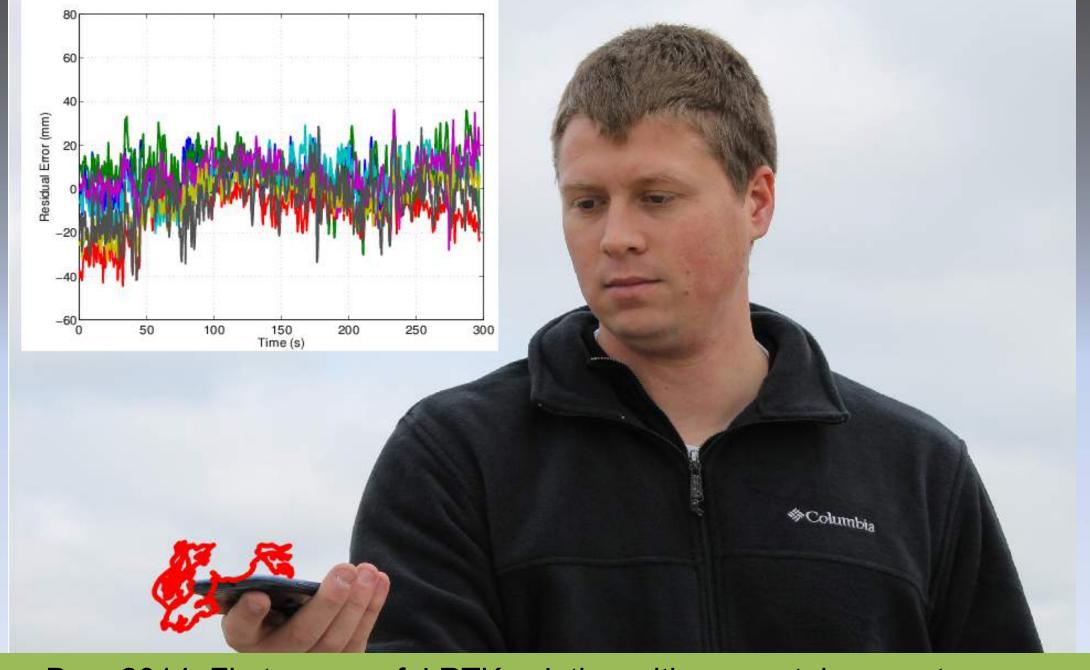
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Call to robustness:

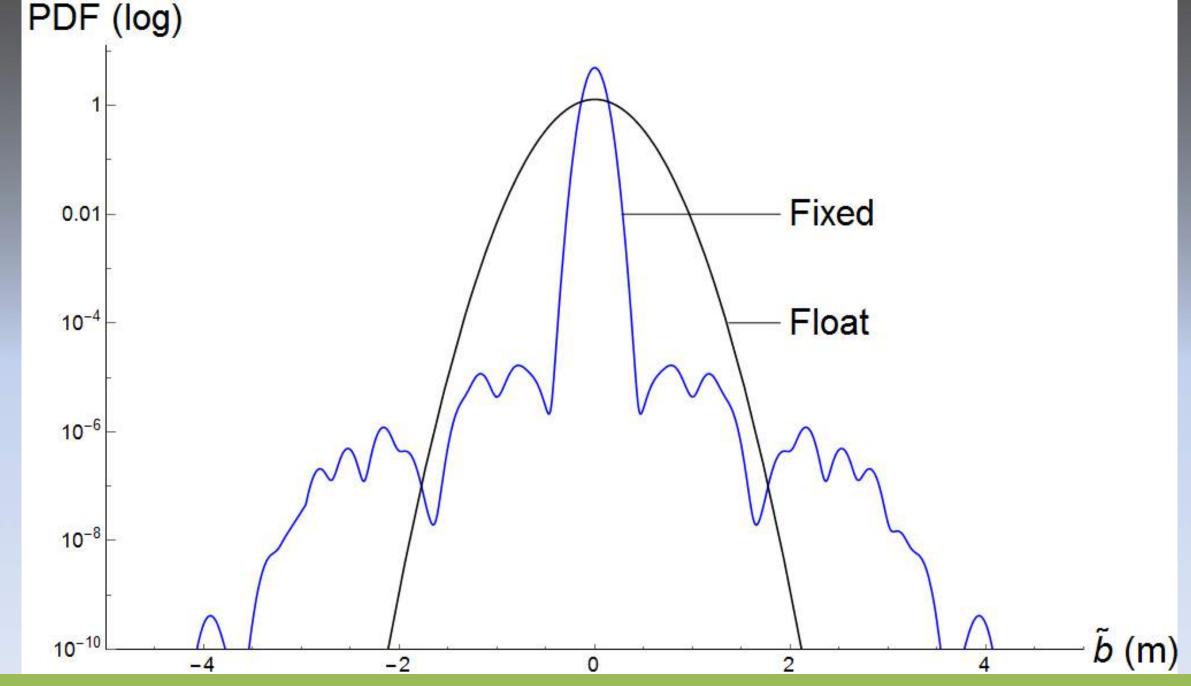
We should be designing for Level 6, Continued operation under conditions in which a human couldn't manage



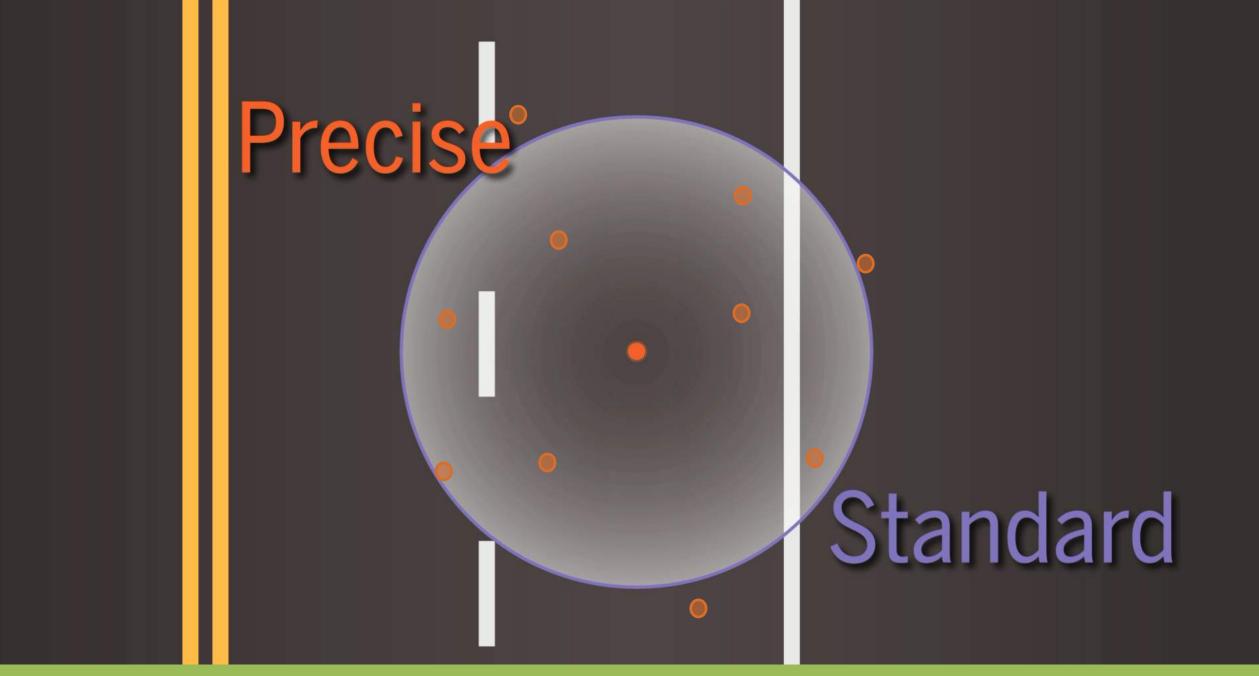




Dec. 2014: First successful RTK solution with a smartphone antenna.



Float solution does not enforce integer constraint. Fixed solution does, but may be wrong.

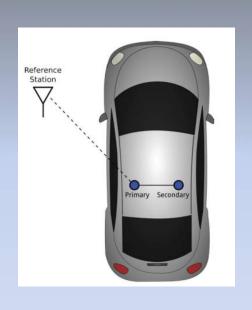


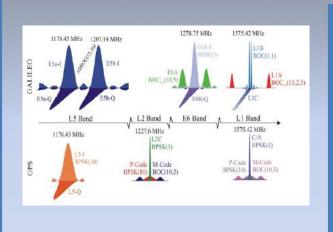
Safety-of-life applications require careful management of incorrect fixing probability





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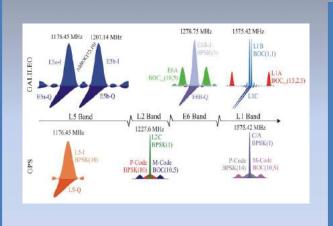


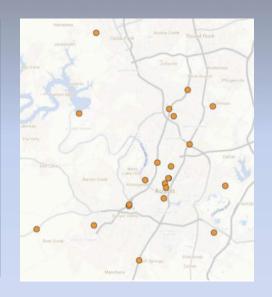
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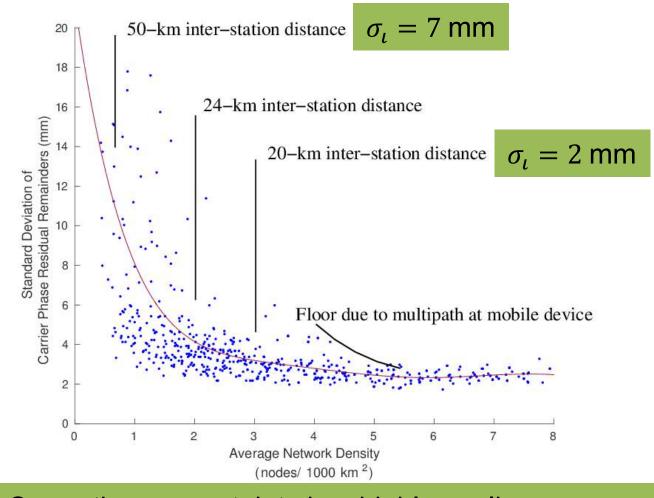


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Don't waste valuable signals estimating atmospheric errors: you'll need them to combat your chief adversary: multipath

Eliminate iono with a dense reference network



Corrections uncertainty is a highly nonlinear function of density. Culprit: medium-scale ionospheric irregularities. Floor due to multipath at mobile device reached with < 20km distance between reference stations.



Longhorn Dense Reference Network stations under test prior to deployment



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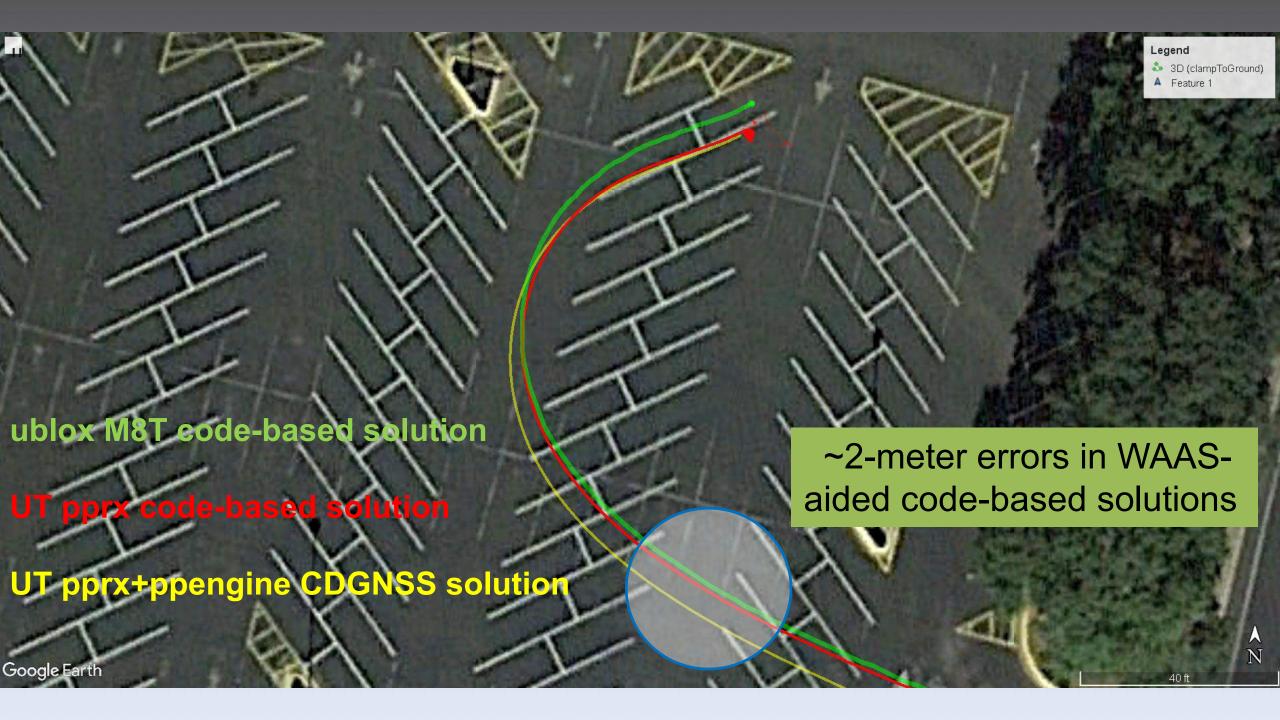
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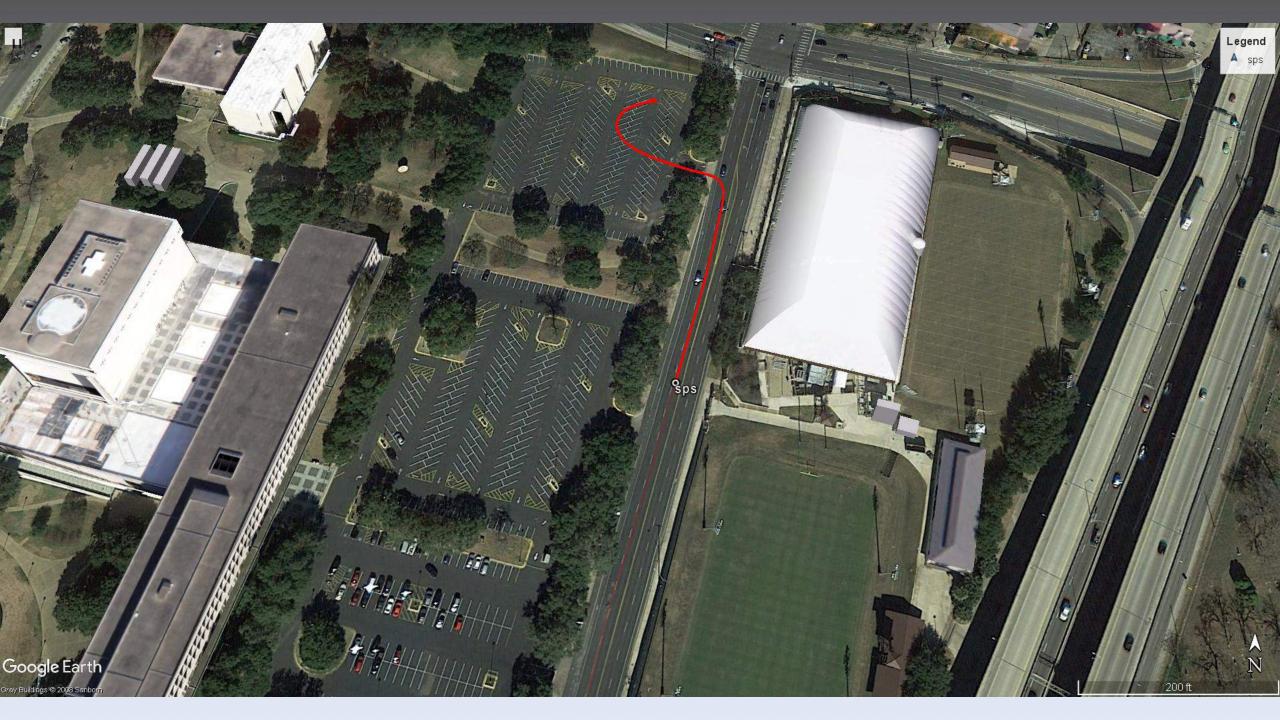
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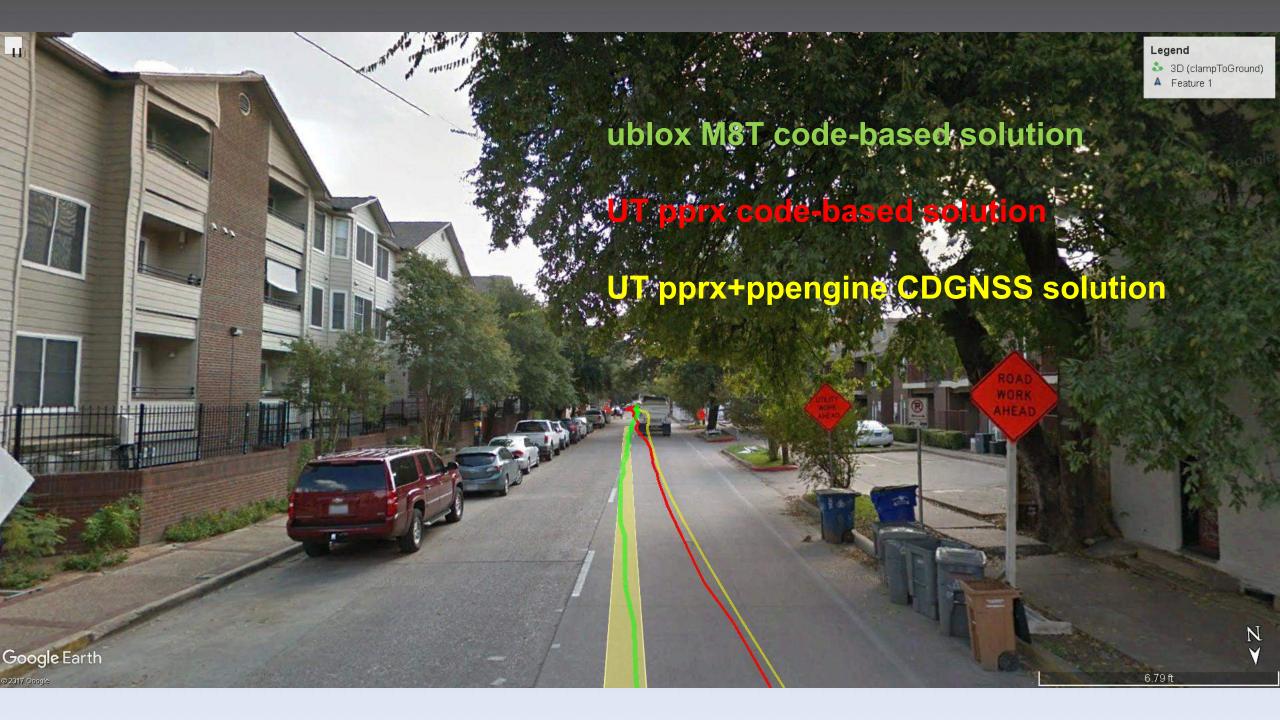
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January 2018 test of single-antenna stand-alone precise GNSS in moderate urban environment without aiding, inertial or otherwise



Dean Keaton corridor:

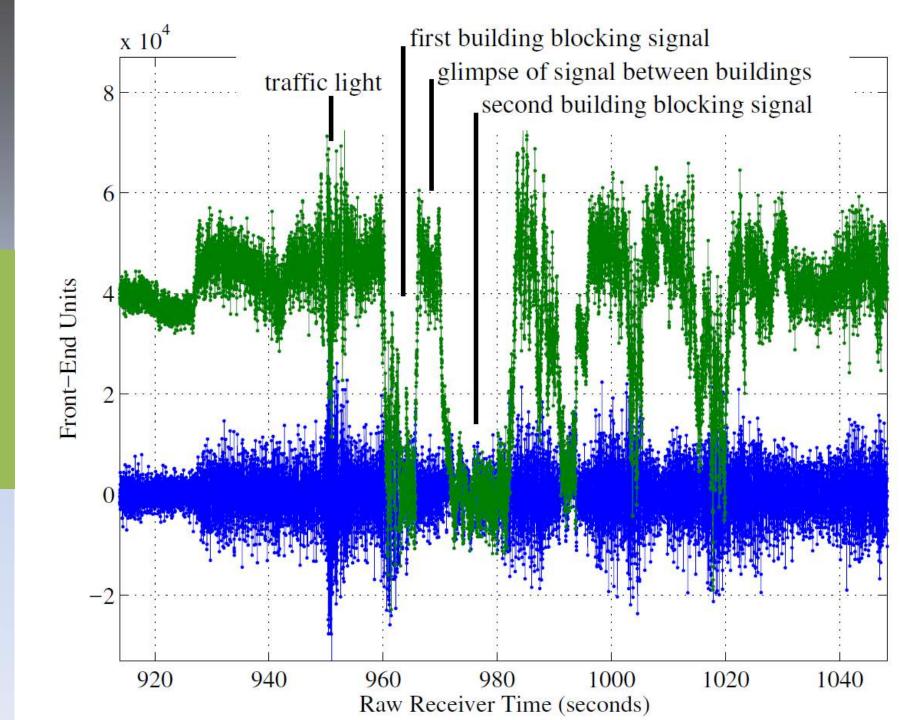
Two bridges, overhanging trees, tall buildings on both sides of street



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Carrier tracking must be fast and opportunistic but avoid frequency unlock



Promising results:

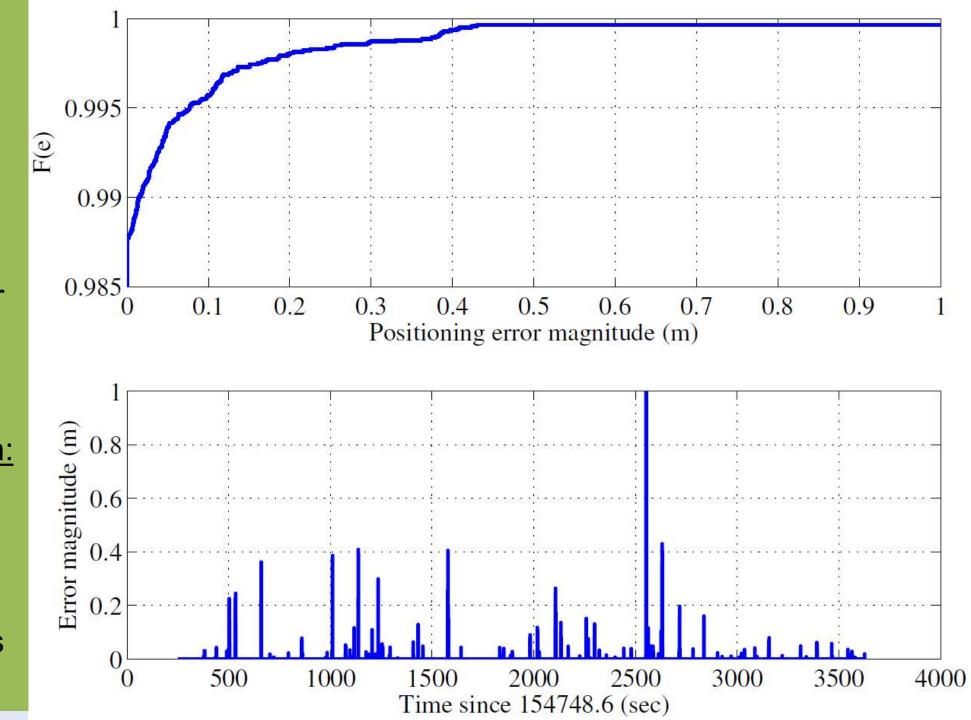
90% availability of validated solutions in 1 hour of driving

Validated solutions accurate to 10 cm for >99.5% of testable epochs

Still not good enough:

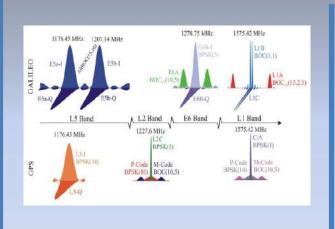
Need 100% avail.

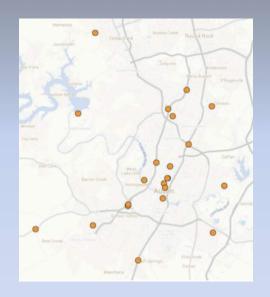
Even 0.2% errors greater than 30 cm is unacceptable



Keys to Robust CDGNSS Positioning









Multiple Rover Antennas

Multiple Frequencies Dense Reference Network Fusion with Vision/Radar



Goal: Decimeteraccurate visual and radar features



GNSS-INS provides initial pose and global reference



Merges globallyreferenced maps from multiple sessions

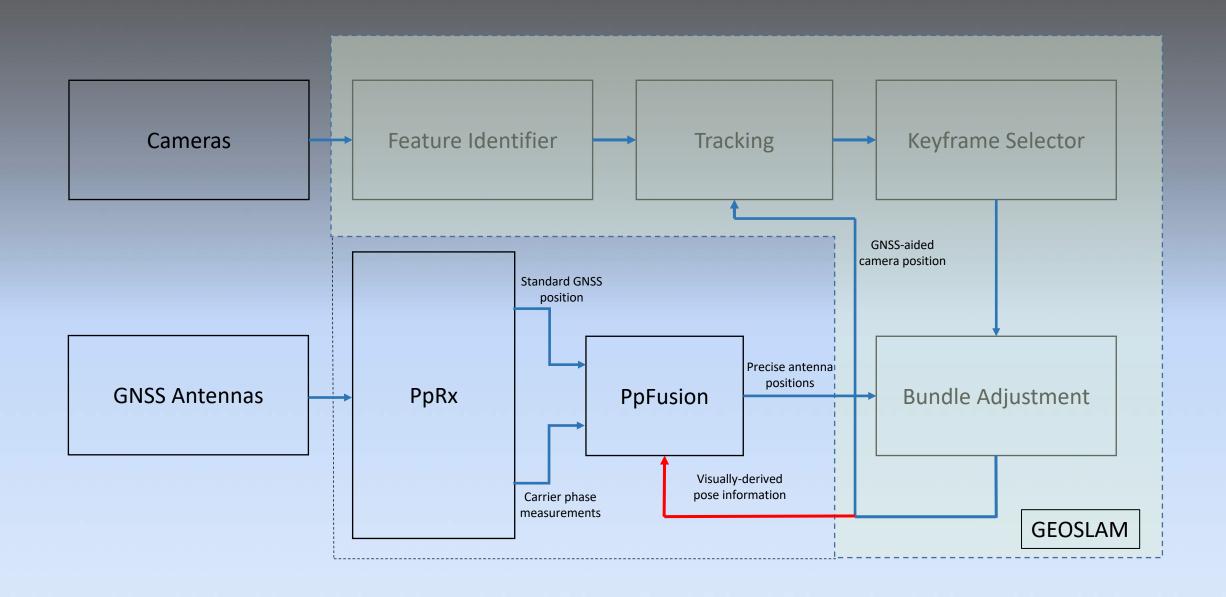


Cooperative fleet refinement of map



GEOSLAM: Global Electro-Optical SLAM

Cooperative mapping at decimeter accuracy for all-weather localization

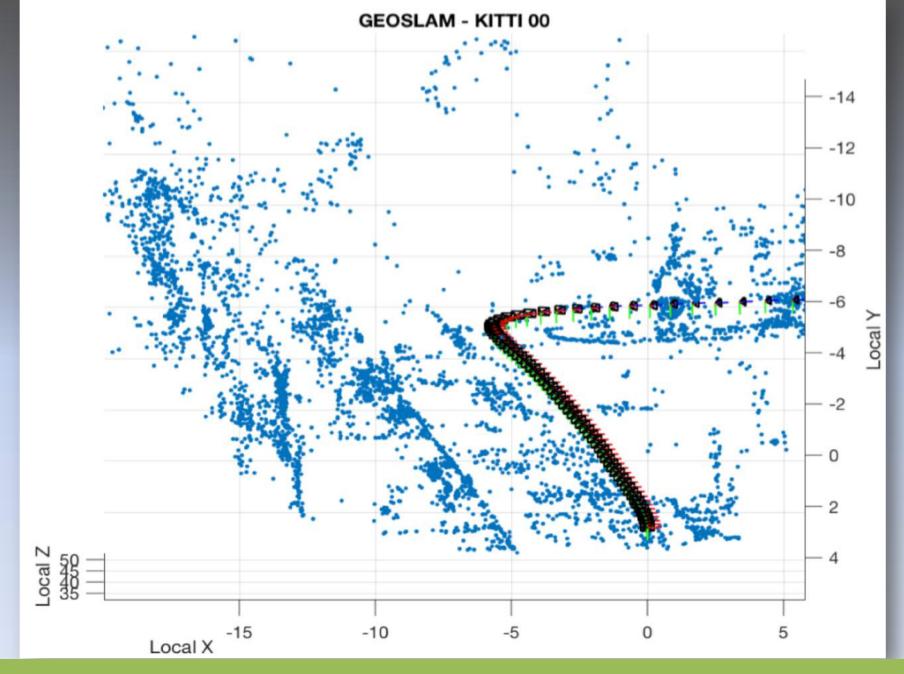


Tightly-coupled CDGNSS-Vision system



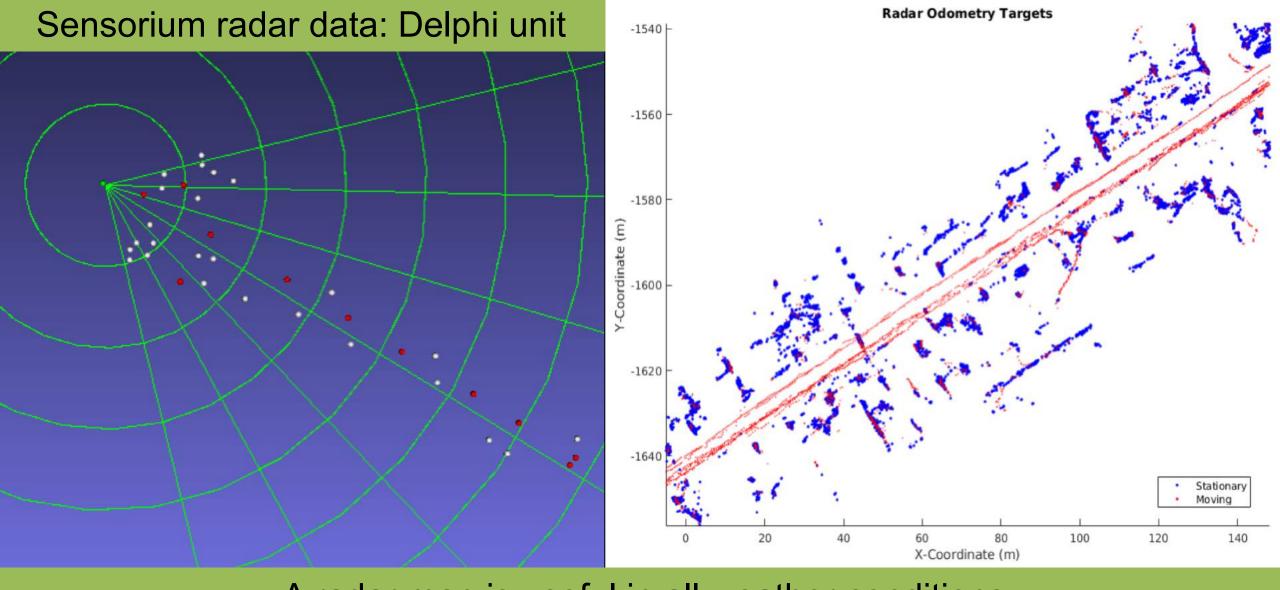


- Common reference frame (not just within your map)
- Sub-30-cm positioning within common frame
- Decimeter-accurate mapping capability
- Map-merging
- Quick-response and lifetime map maintenance
- Means of quantifying the benefit of collaboration



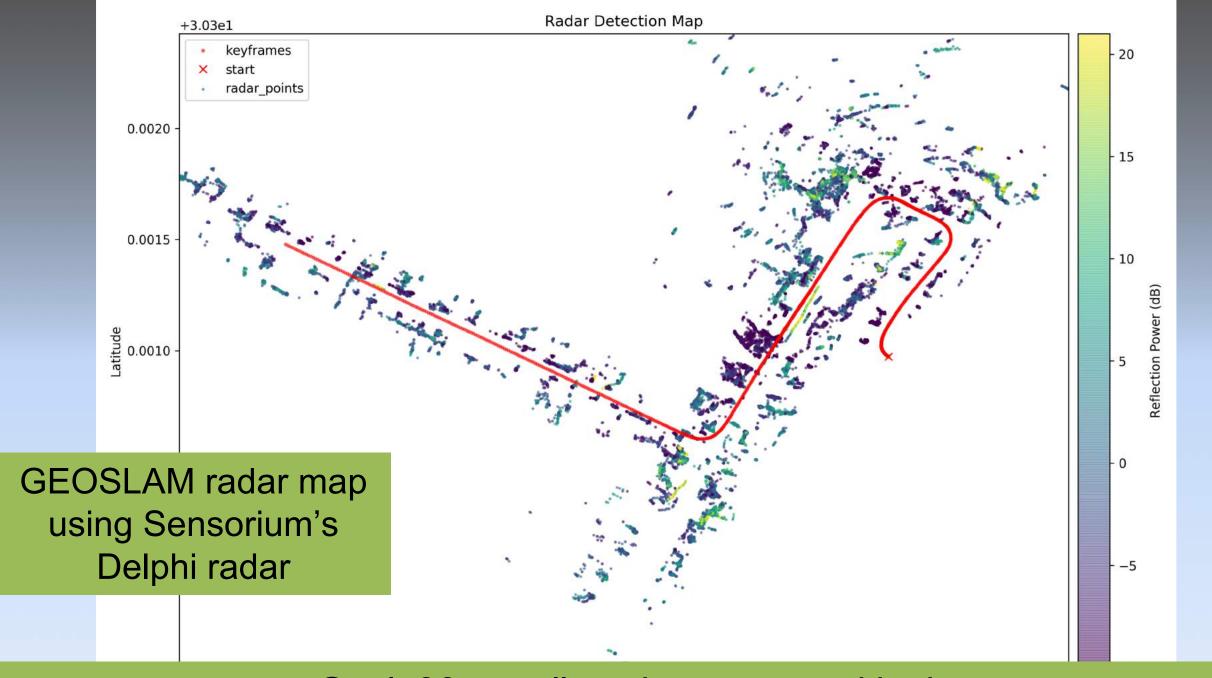
3D Map from GEOSLAM test on KITTI data set

Map of 3D camera image features is a means to an end: it can't be relied on when visibility poor, but when visibility good, it can be used (jointly with GNSS) to obtain highly accurate vehicle pose with which a radar map can be built



A radar map is useful in all weather conditions.

Our conjecture: In urban areas rich with radar reflectors, a radar map together with GNSS will be sufficient for 30 cm @ 95% accuracy



Goal: 30-cm all-environment positioning

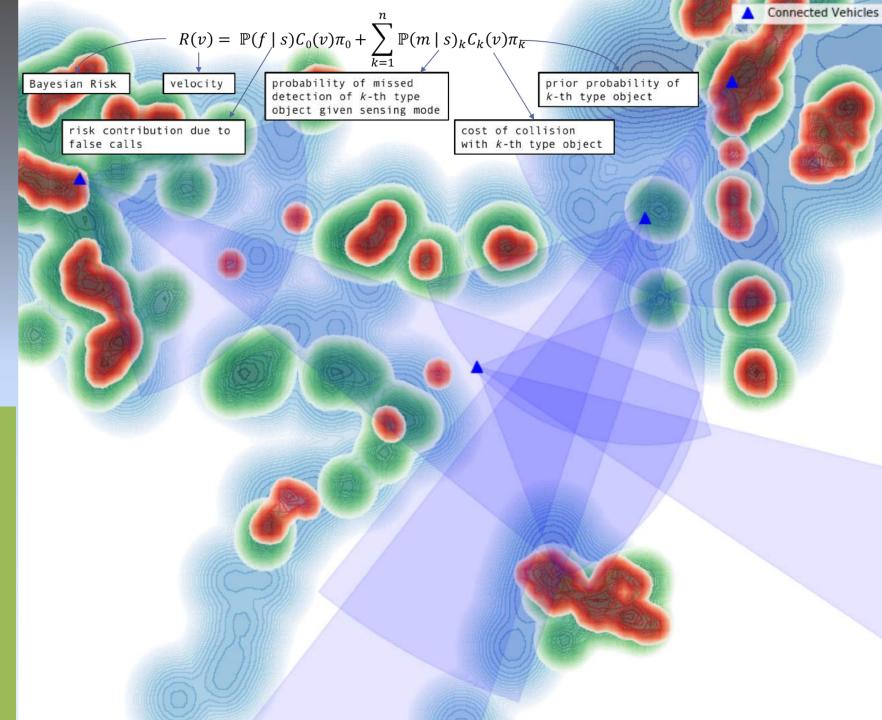
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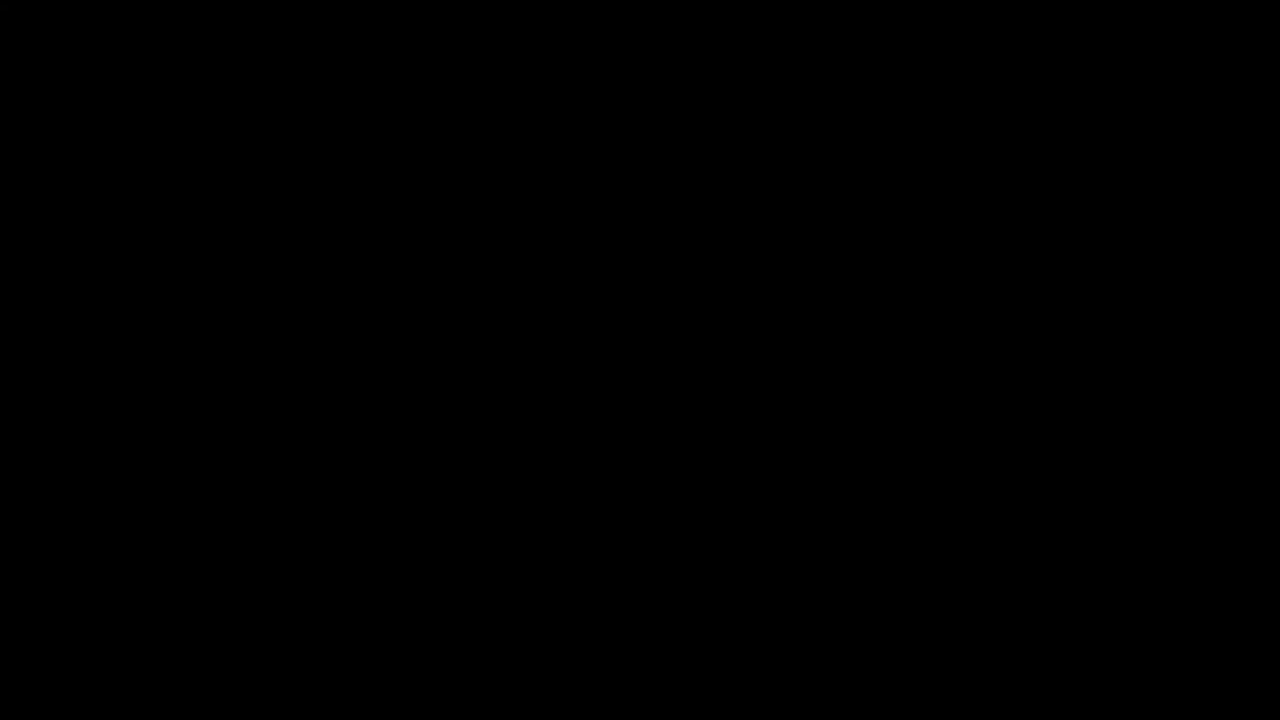
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We take a Bayesian approach to risk evaluation

Occupancy distributions for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles indicate risk of hazardous interactions. As multiple vehicles share sensor data, the risk is reduced









Resulting 3D model has mm-level resolution and sub-cm absolute accuracy Research goal: Multi-UAV fully-automated collaborative high-resolution mapping

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